

Weekly Views

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*"Chance favors the
prepared mind."
~ Louis Pasteur*

Friday, May 8, 2009

State Senator Jim Arnold and State Representative Tom Dermody attended a staff assembly at the Indiana State Prison in honor of Correctional Employees' Week and spoke briefly to the staff in attendance. Representative Dermody received a lock award for his contributions to the field of corrections.

Several Security Threat Group (STG) Coordinators recently passed the ACA Certification Exam (CCS/STG). They were: Randy Litherland, Branchville; Tom Stinson, Westville; Vanessa Tolbert, IWP; Casie Klepinger, Miami; Toni Colter, Logansport Juvenile; Terry Williams, Henryville; Don Chamness, PREF; and Brian Patterson, New Castle.

Plainfield Correctional recently recognized Officer S. Manning as Employee of the Year, Mark Kindle as Supervisor of the Year, Mike Smith as the Most Dedicated Employee, and Cindy Stillwell as Rookie of the Year. The entire Maintenance Department and CMS each received PCF's Commitment to Excellence award.

This week, Camp Summit held many special events, including a staff appreciation cookout, where Steve Griffin and Erin Shreves were recognized as 2009 Employees of the Year. Many staff members were recognized for perfect attendance and years of service, including Michele Briggs who has served the IDOC for 25 years.

The education department of Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility administered 27 GED exams this past week.

Edinburgh Correctional kicked off Correctional Employees' Week with a picnic for staff on Sunday. 76 people, including employees and family members, participated in activities such as a train ride and a fishing derby for kids.

Pendleton Correctional had free doughnuts and coffee, held cookouts, gave away plants and copies of Discovery Channel Documentary DVD "Hard Time," and held a golf outing and a fishing competition for Correctional Employees' Week.

Interim Superintendent Latoya Lane held a Staff Assembly in the PREF chapel this week and presented awards to staff for Making a Difference and for Employee of the Quarter, as well as leading the group through 2 teambuilding exercises.

11 Pendleton Correctional offenders were recognized during a ceremony for completing the Inside Out Dad Program.

30 ISP employees completed a 5K walk along Lake Michigan for InShape Indiana and Correctional Employees' Week.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility recently graduated 9 students from the CLIFF unit.

Plainfield Correctional held a facility cookout this week, where Assistant Superintendent Craig Grage sat in a dunk tank.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility employees participated in several events for Correctional Employees' Week, including a 3 mile walk, golf scramble, health and nutrition seminar, pizza party, and a breakfast prepared by facility executive staff.

KFC food was passed out to eligible offenders at Pendleton Correctional for a PLUS Unit fundraiser.

Plainfield Re-Entry held a staff 3 on 3 basketball tournament as part of Correctional Employees' Week.

For Correctional Employees' Week, CIF Superintendent Hanlon served breakfast, employees received ice cream, cookouts were held, and there was a Taste of CIF competition. There were also miniature golf and basketball shooting contests, and some unlucky employees were "arrested" and placed in the "CIF Slammer."

Reception-Diagnostic Center staff recently donated 521 canned food items to Gleaners Food Bank in Indianapolis.

Henryville Correctional's Employee Appreciation week included a Bar-B-Que, employee awards, and an employee chili cook-off. Superintendent Chapman was also surprised when he received a Certificate of Appreciation from the District Nine Health Departments for Henryville's assistance in a health-related POD exercise.

Indianapolis Juvenile celebrated Correctional Employees' Week. The highlight of the festivities was the employee cook-out, and an awards ceremony followed, where numerous staff received Cash Spot bonuses and awards for their service.

Commissioner Buss addressed staff at a ceremony for Correctional Employees' Week at Putnamville Correctional. Staff enjoyed various activities including cookouts, a motorcycle run, and Specialty Team demonstrations this week.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner